

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for establishing a collaborative training session, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) establishing a network connection between a plurality of users;
  - 5 (b) selecting a mode for the network connection between the plurality of users;
  - (c) establishing the network connection mode between the plurality of users; and
  - (d) synchronizing the mode between the plurality of users.
2. A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the mode is a specific application that is shared between the plurality of users.
- 10 3. A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the mode is a whiteboard application that is shared between the plurality of users.
4. A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the mode is a chat room that is shared between the plurality of users.
- 15 5. A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the mode is a video conference for the plurality of users.
6. A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the mode includes media sharing between the plurality of users.
7. A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the mode includes interactive browsing between the plurality of users.
- 20 8. A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the mode includes newsgroup sharing between the plurality of users.

9. A method for establishing a collaborative training session as recited in claim 1, wherein the mode includes discussion group sharing between the plurality of users.
10. An apparatus for establishing a collaborative training session, comprising:
- (a) logic that establishes a network connection between a plurality of users;
  - 5 (b) logic that selects a mode for the network connection between the plurality of users;
  - (c) logic that establishes the network connection mode between the plurality of users; and
  - (d) logic that synchronizes the mode between the plurality of users.
11. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session, comprising:
- 10 (a) a code segment that establishes a network connection between a plurality of users;
  - (b) a code segment that selects a mode for the network connection between the plurality of users;
  - (c) a code segment that establishes the network connection mode between the plurality of users; and
  - 15 (d) a code segment that synchronizes the mode between the plurality of users.
12. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the mode is a specific application that is shared between the plurality of users.
13. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the mode is a whiteboard application that is shared between the plurality of users.
- 20 14. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the mode is a chat room that is shared between the plurality of users.

15. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the mode is a video conference for the plurality of users.
16. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the mode includes media sharing between the plurality of users.
17. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the mode includes interactive browsing between the plurality of users.
18. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the mode includes newsgroup sharing between the plurality of users.
19. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that establishes a collaborative training session as recited in claim 11, wherein the mode includes discussion group sharing between the plurality of users.